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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of Julien METZGER  
for TIRE TREAD PROVIDED WITH INCISIONS.

- ☒ Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.
- ☒ Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: MICHELIN RECHERCHE-ET TECHNIQUE S.A., Granges-Paccot, Switzerland.

Also enclosed are:

- ☒ Three sheet(s) of drawings;
- ☒ a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is ☒ hereby made to Patent Application Serial No. 01/09111 filed in France on July 9, 2001;
- ☒ in the declaration;
- ☒ Certified copy of Priority Document No. 01/09111;
- ☐ a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;
- ☒ an Assignment document;
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement;
- ☐ a patent application data sheet; and
- ☒ Other: 1) Publication WO 03/006266; 2) Notification-Priority Document PCT/IB/304; 3) International Examination Report PCT/IPEA/409
- ☒ An ☒ executed ☐ unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)
- ☒ also is enclosed ☐ will follow.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows ☐ and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$770.00 (1001)
Total Claims	11	MINUS 20 =	---	× \$18.00 (1202) =	---
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	---	× \$86.00 (1201) =	---
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00 (1203)					---
Total Application Fee					770.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					---
Add Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 (8021) if Assignment document is enclosed					40.00
<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>					<b>810.00</b>

- ☐ This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 810.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
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